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TELEPHONE TOWER ON RENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone Towers installed on private places on rental basis by the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in the country especially in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the amount of money paid as rent for each tower installed by the BSNL in the State; and

(c) the details of towers installed on the land of the people belonging to scheduled castes in the country specially in Secondary Switching Areas (SSAs) of Morena and Gwalior on rental basis?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, the number of Towers installed on private places on rental basis by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in the country are 17,111 and 538 in Madhya Pradesh. The circle wise details of number of private site on rental basis is given in the Annexure-I.

(b) The amount of money paid as rent for each tower installed by the BSNL in the state of Madhya Pradesh is given in Annexure-II.

(c) The tower locations for mobile coverage are finalized based on techno-commercial suitability of each site without discrimination of Caste of the owner. The details of the caste are not taken at the time of hiring of the Land/Building and therefore same is not available.